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C.I.P.

Sept 14, 1963

Dear Mr. Kennedy

To qualify to the extreme  
an open society and/or government  
must be open to all - even to those  
who would attempt to restrict  
its openness.

As duly elected leaders in the  
making of public policy the President  
of the United States would logically be  
the individual with the most  
influence over the degree of openness  
of government and society in the  
United States.

Refusal by the President of  
the United States to discuss the  
nature of the C.I.A. in Viet-

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when asked by David B.

and the limited response to the  
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question of Chet Huntley concerning  
the nature of policymaking of the  
C. I. A. is evidence that the  
government and society of the  
United States can not qualify  
in nature as being completely  
open.

To what degree openness is  
restricted is conjecture.

The fact that the President  
does not want to discuss in  
detail the nature of the C. I. A.  
brings up the question of how it  
is possible to accomplish openness  
in the government and/or society of  
Vietnam in particular (and others in  
general) when the President turns  
from openness at home

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~~A discerning individual who~~  
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~~has viewed the 20th Century  
television program of Sept 1, 1963  
(concerning military operation of French  
Government in Viet Nam) can  
appreciate the futility of a militant  
approach to problems in Viet Nam.~~

~~There are real problems for individuals  
in Viet Nam and in the United  
States and throughout the world.  
To solve real problems is difficult  
enough without pursuing imaginary  
ones or to worsen those that exist  
by an approach that hurts rather  
than helps.~~

By its very nature an open  
society should formulate an  
action for individuals concerned

~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~more~~ ~~construction~~ ~~than~~  
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~~that~~ ~~ensuing~~ ~~in~~ ~~Vietnam~~  
at present.

- sincerely,

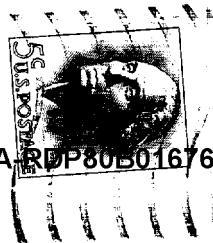
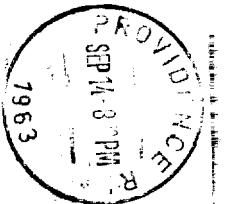
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